

Application to C-SAP for Funding 2001 2002

Project Title: “Anthro-net”

Aims and Outcomes

Rationale: This is for a post graduate anthropology on-line journal. It is envisioned as an extension of one aspect of the successful SOAS based project Ethnography at the Third Millenium (E@TM), (funded initially for one year 1997-1998 by the NNTLA) the E@TM journal “anthropology from below”. The current E@TM journal has now had two issues produced, and a third that will be published and distributed in the next few weeks. This latest edition has two articles from non SOAS postgraduate students. At present it is produced by desktop publishing on a student’s computer, laser copies are run off and the SOAS anthropology department prints off 100 copies. The first two editions were sent to every anthropology department in the country, to all members of staff in the department and copies made available to all who were interested from the department office. (Copies of the first two journals accompany this application)

This will be a pilot project running for a year initially. The idea is to further encourage the sharing of experiences and ideas at a level beyond and outside of the departmental setting, using the web as an active mode of dissemination. The journal will specifically address issues of relevance to the learning and teaching of anthropology, as well as work in progress. It will seek to be a site for active debate on epistemological, political and pragmatic aspects of postgraduate training and the writing of PhDs. It is anticipated that e-mail lists will also be developed around issues of interest.

Outcomes:

- An editorial board that incorporates a number of anthropology departments.
- 2 editions of a web based journal in the year.
- E-mail discussion lists.

2. Project Activities

An editorial / steering group will be formed to coordinate all activities. During the year the membership of the editorial group will be actively

opened up to other Anthropology Departments. Affiliation with the ASA postgraduate and other networks will be sought.

The discussion e-mail groups will be issues-based or sub-disciplinary in their organisation. It is anticipated that the first will emerge from the C-SAP funded medical anthropology conference being held at LSE currently. Other e-mail lists could include any of the following: Anthropology and Cultural studies; anthropology and development, as interest and facilitators emerge. Each will be based on the principle of signing up to them. All contributions will be catalogued on the web site.

Active management of the website will be maintained using the services of a web based consultant.

3. Working with C-SAP

The project fits well with nearly all the outlined overall C-SAP aims and objectives.

Dissemination is anticipated through the very process of the project and the active use of the internet.

Budget:

Web-based consultant fees:

150 pounds for design fees, for seven days

500 pounds continuation fees.

Steering group / editors work, costed at 100 pounds per day for 15 days work. This includes initial meetings, work on the web design and layout, editing work, active follow-up and dissemination at all UK anthropology departments. All funds will be managed by the steering group on a collective basis with payment made to those who do the work.

Total funds sought:

3050 pounds.